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Theory and practice are an inseparable whole in a work approach in local development, where theory guarantees an indispensable reference framework for the definition, planning and evaluation of the actions that are carried out in practice. Local development must address all the elements that make up the reality of the local or territorial system to which it is applied. Twenty years have passed since the founding of the Local Development Working Group (GTDL) of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE), we have proposed an international meeting, which is open to both the academic and professional world. From a modern and current meaning, the enforcement of Local Development includes antecedents and experiences such as Community Development, Economic Promotion Agencies (either consortiums or at municipal level), Local Employment Initiatives and Territorial Pacts, Joint management of environmental and cultural resources, Local Action Groups (LAGs), Consortia and Associations, among others.

In addition, training, skill training and research also demand a review and updating of topics that will undoubtedly be enriched by reflection, discussion and proposal. For all this, this meeting wants to be a space to raise the present and future of local and territorial development in which Geography as a discipline has a lot to contribute, but without closing itself to the interdisciplinary approach of which research and professional profile also participate.

In this way, three key themes are configured, which will structure the Meeting and the proposed activities:

- **Key themes I. Challenges of local development in professional practice**
- **Key themes II. Challenges of local development in training**
- **Key themes III. Challenges of local development in research**





## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Hour	Monday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, June 5 <sup>th</sup> (Field trip)	Hour	
08:30-09:00			Departure point: General Bus Parking of the University of Alicante	08:30-09:00	
09:00-09:30		Oral papers presentation. Session 2. Challenges of local development in training (Key themes II)	Castalla. Visit Actiu company	09:00-09:30	
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10:00-10:30				10:00-10:30	
10:30-11:00				10:30-11:00	
11:00-11:30		Break	Castalla-Petrer	11:00-11:30	
11:30-12:00		Oral papers presentation. Session 3. Challenges of local development in research (key themes III)	Petrer. Visit Genion Lab (Collaborative workspaces)	11:30-12:00	
12:00-12:30				12:00-12:30	
12:30-13:00				12:30-13:00	
13:00-13:30				13:00-13:30	
13:30-14:00		Lunch	Petrer-Elche	13:30-14:00	
14:00-14:30			Lunch		14:00-14:30
14:30-15:00					14:30-15:00
15:00-15:30	Registration				15:00-15:30
15:30-16:00				15:30-16:00	
16:00-16:30	Opening ceremony	Group Assembly	Elche. Visit Pucol museum	16:00-16:30	
16:30-17:00	Inaugural Conference				16:30-17:00
17:00-17:30			Homage ceremony	Museo de Pusol- Industrial Park of Torrellano	17:00-17:30
17:30-18:00	Break	Break	Industrial Park of Torrellano. Visit Pikolinos company	17:30-18:00	
18:00-18:30	Round table. Geography and professional practice in the face of the challenges of local development	Closing conference	Break. Free time	18:00-18:30	
18:30-19:00					18:30-19:00
19:00-19:30					19:00-19:30
19:30-20:00	Oral papers presentation. Session 1. Challenges of local development in professional practice (key themes I)	Closing ceremony	Industrial Park of Torrellano-University of Alicante	19:30-20:00	
20:00-20:30				20:00-20:30	
20:30-21:00				20:30-21:00	
21:00-21:30				21:00-21:30	
21:30-		Meeting Gala Dinner		21:30-	



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## ABSTRACTS AND EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Abstracts (attached template) and Extended Abstract (2,000 words maximum) will be written in Spanish or English, in plain text (Arial 10, titles in **BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS**). The structure will be:

### TITLE

AUTHORSHIP; AFFILIATION; E-MAIL

### KEY THEMES

**ABSTRACT:** (maximum 300 words). It has to include: (a) Context; (b) Objectives; (c) Design, methodology, materials, approach; (d) Main results; (e) Conclusions

## PUBLICATION

The extended abstract will be published in a Proceeding book, published by AGE within the Major Series of GTDL publications.

## REGISTRATION <sup>(1)</sup>

	Early fee (€) (available until 2024, April 30)	Standard fee (€) (available from 2024, May 1st)
GTDL members	160	180
AGE members	180	200
Spanish Geography College /ADLYPSE members	180	200
Students / Unemployed	75	95
Others	200	220

<sup>(1)</sup> Registration fee includes: Meeting materials; lunch (Tuesday and Wednesday) and meeting gala dinner and field trip.



## KEY DATES

Call for abstract close	February, 10 <sup>th</sup>
Notification to authors	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Call for extended abstract close	March, 31 <sup>st</sup>
Notification to authors (acceptance extended abstract)	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Registration and early fee	Until April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Registration and standard fee	From May 1 <sup>st</sup>

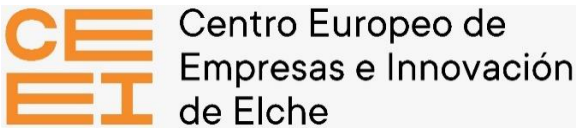
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## RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

The status of Alicante as a tourist city and the program of activities established with the headquarters or starting point of the Campus of the University of Alicante in San Vicente del Raspeig, means that accommodation in this town is recommended. As a non-exclusive option, it is proposed:

La Villa Universitaria, Av. Vicente Savall Pascual, n. 16, CAP. 03690. San Vicente del Raspeig (Alicante). [www.villaalojamiento.es](http://www.villaalojamiento.es), [www.villauniversitaria.com](http://www.villauniversitaria.com), [reservas@villaalojamiento.es](mailto:reservas@villaalojamiento.es) Bookings: +34 966 30 24 40 (Specify that it is for the XII LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING / I EUROPEAN MEETING ON GEOGRAPHY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT).

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